

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited has three subsidiary units set up in the joint sector in collaboration with the concerned State Governments of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Orissa.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

[English]

Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India

1989. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether production of the Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India Limited has been rising for the last 3-4 months;

(b) whether some of the public sectors have been patronising products of the Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India Limited;

(c) whether there is also any proposal for revival of this unit; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Although there was no improvement in production of Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India Ltd. in the 1st quarter of 1991-92, a rising trend has been noticed in the month of July, 1991 in all the items of its production specially in the footwear, which is the main activity.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Government had asked the Industrial Development Bank of India to undertake a viability study of the Company based on a revival package prepared by the Company. The viability study Report submitted by the IDPI in May, 1991 is under process.

Simplification of procedure for Sanctioning Pension to Retiring Employees

1990. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the government to simplify the procedure for sanctioning pension to the retiring government employees; and

(b) the approximate time by which the pension order papers are handed over to the pensioners from the date of retirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The existing procedure for a sanctioning pension to retiring Central Government employees is quite simple and time tested. With a view to minimising delay in sanction of pensions, instructions were issued in January, 1987 making Heads of Departments/Offices accountable for strict compliance of the Government Orders for ensuring authorisation of pension and gratuity—provisional or final—by the date of retirement on superannuation.

(b) By and large Pension payment Orders are issued by the date of retirement. During the last four years from 1-4-87 to 31-3-91 the number of complaints relating to non-issue of Pension Payment Order by the date of retirement, in respect of those who retire on superannuation, centrally received in the Deptt. of Pension & P.W. was of the order of only 133.

Issue of Letters of intent for Madhya Pradesh

1991. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Letters of Intent to set up large and medium industries sanctioned in Madhya Pradesh between January 1, 1990 and April 1, 1991; and

(b) if so, the details and proposed locations thereof?